

**COURT NO. 1  
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

134.

OA 1365/2023

**Cmde Amol M Sabnis** ..... **Applicant**  
**Versus**  
**Union of India & Ors.** ..... **Respondents**

**For Applicant** : Mr. Rhea Verma & Rahul Jain, Advocate  
**For Respondents** : Gp Capt Karan Singh Bhati, Sr CGSC

**CORAM**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON**  
**HON'BLE REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG, MEMBER (A)**

**O R D E R**  
**04.03.2025**

In pursuance to the order passed on 19.09.2024, the communication made by Naval HQ to the Department of Military Affairs (Ministry of Defence) on 03.02.2025 has been produced before us in an envelope. On going through the same, we find that the information sought for and the other documents had to come from the Nuclear Command HQ which functions under the PMO. As directed to obtain a copy of the decision taken on 16.04.2014 by the Executive Council of the Nuclear Command Authority to be placed before this Tribunal, we grant further four weeks' time to the respondents to do so. We also direct that if the decision taken by the Executive Council of the Nuclear Command Authority on 16.04.2014 is a confidential document which cannot be made public for any reason whatsoever, the Competent Authority is granted liberty to place it on record in a sealed cover by deputing a suitable officer from the Office of the Department

of Military Affairs, PMO to bring it personally and show it to us and we want to take a decision with regard to use of the documents and its utility for the case after considering the same.

2. List the matter on 08.04.2025.
3. Let a copy of this order be given 'DASTI' to both the parties.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]  
CHAIRPERSON**

**[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG]  
MEMBER (A)**

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